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NORTH CHARLESTON MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON ON GUN CHARGES

Columbia, South Carolina---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated today that Ephesian Brown, age 33, of North Charleston, South Carolina, was sentenced in federal court in Charleston, South Carolina, for being a felon in possession of a weapon and possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. Chief United States District Judge David C. Norton of Charleston sentenced Brown to 151 months imprisonment.

Evidence presented at the change of plea hearing established that Brown fled from the front porch of a residence as North Charleston Police arrived to execute a search warrant. After a brief foot pursuit, Brown was detained. Brown was found with a loaded magazine and over three grams of crack, while the handgun for the

magazine was found nearby in Brown's flight path.

The case was investigated by agents of the North Charleston Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Assistant United States Attorney Nick Bianchi of the Charleston office handled the case.

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